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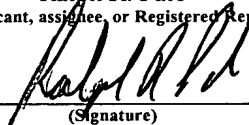
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Carlos Plata-Salman
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Title : ANTICONVULSANT DERIVATIVES USEFUL FOR
PREVENTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TYPE II
DIABETES AND SYNDROME X
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2003. Please amend the
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